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Hell comes home to Jersey. Seven ancient demons known as the Fallen have awakened in New Jersey after a hundred years. Fortunately for Mike and Ann, so has the one man who can stop them, Joseph Miller. Trapped in a hospital filled with mythical monsters, only together can they unravel the mystery of the Cursed and escape with not only their lives but their very humanity.

Ancient Awakening is a Horror/Action novel with just the right touch of comedy. It is the first book in the series **The Ancient** which follows the adventures of eccentric demon hunter Joseph Miller. His job is to defend the human race against seven mythical demons and their offspring. Unfortunately for us, he has been dead for the last hundred years. **Ancient Awakening** will be followed by **Ancient Enemies** and **Ancient Revelations**.

The second edition of **Ancient Awakening** is re-edited, re-cut, and re- "vamped" for maximum monster hunter action.

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From Reader Review Ancient Awakening for online ebook

Laura Thomas says

I love books with demons, vamps, werewolves, and other scary creatures that come creeping and oozing out of the dark to strike fear and mayhem on us innocent, puny humans.

You get a whole bunch of that when these monsters take over a hospital and start eating or turning people. It appears the deadly ancient ones, seven monsters of legend, are back to do what they do best.

A young lady seeking her absent boyfriend lands right in the middle of this mess. Along with an injured cop, and a strange little man who happens to be "THE" master monster hunter.

The author wastes no time stirring up trouble for these characters and keeps monsters and humans busy: running, dying, the usual stuff.

I did like the creatures, the human characters, and the plot. But it felt a bit rushed at times, and the story didn't always flow smoothly. And I wanted to know more about the monster hunter and the young woman's connection with monsters. I suspect that's the authors plan as I learned at the ending, which was an ending and a cliff hanger, that there's more to come in this tale.

While this first book didn't completely wow me, it certainly showed promise and I will be reading the next book. You see, the author has me very curious about one particular monster. I have a feeling I'll be getting some of the answers I seek and plenty more action.

Tracy Dobbs says

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. It was an Amazon "recommended for you" list item - it sounded interesting and it was cheap. I really liked the story. It is a perfect Halloween read - demons and werewolves, a vamp or two, and even a late appearance of zombies. (Although the monsters aren't the typical movie offerings of their type.) The author describes his story as horror/action/comedy...I'm not sure I saw much that I would call comedy, but it **is** action-packed and, well, horror can be assumed when demon created monsters, AKA "The Fallen", take over a hospital.

The Story: Seven ancient demons are coming back 100 years after being killed by their enemy, "The Ancient". "The Ancient" is a demon-slaying, immortal "man", currently known as Joseph Miller, who has also come back through the many demonic cycles. After an initial flashback to 1908, the story starts in modern New Jersey. we are first introduced to Ann, a young biologist, who is looking for her ex-boyfriend. Then we meet Mike, the traffic cop who makes a horrific discovery in his neighbors house. Both characters end up at the local Hospital, which is where the demons and Fallen have set up shop. Ann and Mike then join forces with "Joseph Miller" and start to fight their way out through the attacking horde.

Chinpearl says

Horror/Action - Something I usually don't read, but this was interesting. I bought book 2. ;o)

Dirceu says

It's a great humor/horror/action novel.....keep you nailed to it from the begining to the end....the story is very well written and you can relate to the main characters, even cheer for them...that Joseph Miller guy (or The Ancient One) is awesome, can you imagine a middle 20's years old latino guy with ancient soul and irish accent?

Man, i got lucky in my last two books...this one and The Heretic from Joseph Nassise....if you do not read any of the two....what are you waiting for?????

Andreja Wilson says

This book just took me where I never thought I'd go. For a little bit you assume this story is gonna go down like all the others like it. Then you take a sharp left, and the a right, then fly off of a cliff. Then you get slapped in the face with classic scenarios with a modern twist and a dash of humour. It played out like how something like this would happen in real life.

I found myself going, "Naw, it ain't gonna happen." Five minutes later, after I've been convinced that it wouldn't, "No... no... no! DOn't do this! DONT DO THIS!!! Oh fonz, it happened!" My parents have looked at me several times with my gasping and vocal outbursts.

Doreen Dalesandro says

\$0.99 Kindle book. It is a fun read. Well, hell, here's what Amazon has to say about it:

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What bothered me is the poor editing. Wonder if that's what you get for a \$0.99 book :-(

Scott Whitney says

Great action and it was free from Amizon. What could be better. I will have to try and find a good way to get my hands on the next two, but they are usually not too expensive for a Kindle edition of the book.

Pam Thomas says

Now I don't usually read Horror/Action/Fiction stories but there is definitely something different about this one.

Caught in a time warp of mythical creatures, werewolves and other unspoken demons Joseph Miller has to once again save the human race from extinction.

Captivating, spine chilling, man kinds protector of a thousand years keeps the read on the edge of their seat whilst at the same time you want to read the whole book until the end for the final conclusion.

No doubt a story with twists and turns, exciting, riveting right to the end and on reading a preview of Ancient Enemies I have no doubt this one will be another challenging story.

Will appeal to fictional horror buffs

Amylynne says

Loved it! Can't wait for more!

Kathryn says

I had a difficult time starting this. I did not like Ann, Miller seemed to have a rough potential, and I instantly liked Mike but the story felt hollow. By the final third, the story came together, each of the main characters possessing enough depth to interest me, and I had less issues with the humor.

As a fast paced monster book, this was excellent. There were a variety of beasties running around and the action was plentiful. I wish the first half of the book had had the cohesion and tightness that the last bit of the book did. I realize it must be difficult to throw characters into a world where monsters are real and have those characters convincingly act instead of going into shock or useless catatonia but I prefer instinctive reactions and an inner monologue of denial over humor used as a coping mechanism. But I did not write this so maybe ignore that comment. I just did not feel the humor too much. The book had potential to be truly frightening without it but that is not what the author wanted to do. I think he was going more for B horror and camp, which I am not complaining about. It's just a matter of preferences.

Regardless, this was fun and I am eager to read book 2 in the series. The ending here was perfect. The author has created a unique mythology with great promise. I also appreciate that the series is a planned 3 books and not another never ending addiction. 3 1/2 stars.

Georgiann Hennelly says

I really enjoyed the book. It has a little bit of everything - demons, werewolves, a vamp or two and even a klate appearance of zombies. The author describes the story as horror/ action/comedy. The story is about seven ancient demons coming back to earth after 100 years after their enemy The Ancient has killed them. The Ancient is a demon slayer, immortal man currently known as Joseph Miller, who has come back through the many demonic cycles. After an initial flashback to 1908 the story takes us to modern day New Jersey where we first are introduced to Ann a young Biologist, who is looking for her ex-boyfriend. Then we meet Mike a traffic cop who makes a horrific discovery in his neighbors house. Both Ann and Mike end up at the local hospital, which is where the demons have set up shop. Ann and Mike join forces with Joseph Miller and help him fight their way through the attacking horde. have to read the book to see if they survive the demon attack i truly enjoyed the book , Don,t want to give away the ending!

Andre says

There is one big problem with this book..... it is way too short!
I absolutely loved it.
Great characters and I want to read more stories with them.
I'm off to book two, Ancient Ennemis, right now.

Michael says

A fun read. It reminds me of Howard's early works.

Cassandra Campbell says

So This book left me going WHAT The HELL! Great book. Great Characters. Starting the second one right now!

John says

Quick and entertaining read. Definitely plan to read the follow-up book, Ancient Enemies.
